

THE INVENTION CLAIMED IS:

1. A radio receiver having a plurality of features programmable by a user, data relating to the programmable features defining a set-up configuration, the radio receiver comprising:
- 5 a housing;
- an auxiliary memory disposed within said housing, said auxiliary memory configured such that a plurality of set-up configurations are storable therein;
- 10 a working memory disposed within said housing, said working memory configured such that at least one of said set-up configurations for use by the radio receiver is storable in said working memory; and
- wherein said radio receiver is configured to manage said plurality of set-up configurations.
2. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein the radio receiver is configured
- 15 such that a plurality of set-up configurations are stored and managed within said radio receiver without using a computer in communication with the radio receiver.
3. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, further comprising:
- 20 a microprocessor disposed within said housing and in communication with said auxiliary memory, and wherein said microprocessor is configured to manage said plurality of set-up configurations.
4. A radio receiver as defined in claim 3, wherein said working memory is controlled
- 25 by said microprocessor.
5. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein said working memory is non-volatile.
6. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein said working memory comprises
- 30 an EEPROM.

7. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein said working memory is configured such that contents of said working memory is not lost when power is removed from the radio receiver.

8. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein said auxiliary member is non-volatile.

9. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein said auxiliary memory comprises an EEPROM.

10. A radio receiver as defined in claim 1, wherein said auxiliary memory is configured such that contents of the auxiliary memory is not lost when power is removed from the radio receiver.

11. A radio receiver having a plurality of features programmable by a user, data relating to the programmable features defining a set-up configuration, the radio receiver comprising:

a housing;

a memory disposed within said housing, said memory storing a plurality of set-up configurations;

a working memory pointer, wherein said working memory pointer identifies the set-up configuration in use by the radio receiver; and

wherein said radio receiver is configured to manage said plurality of set-up configurations.

12. A radio receiver as defined in claim 11, wherein the radio receiver is configured such that a plurality of set-up configurations are stored and managed without using a computer in communications with the radio receiver.

13. A radio receiver as defined in claim 11, further comprising:

a microprocessor configured to manage said plurality of set-up configurations.

14. A radio receiver as defined in claim 11, wherein said memory is non-volatile.

5 15. A radio receiver as defined in claim 11, wherein said memory comprises an EEPROM.

16. A radio receiver as defined in claim 11, wherein said memory is configured such that contents of said memory is not lost when power is removed from the radio receiver.

10 17. A method for managing multiple set-up configurations for a radio receiver comprising the steps of:

providing a radio receiver including a housing, an auxiliary memory disposed within said housing configured such that a plurality of set-up configurations are storable therein, a working memory disposed within said housing, said working memory storing at least one of said set-up configurations; wherein said radio receiver is configured to manage said plurality of set-up configurations; and

operating the scanner to store data relating to the multiple set-up configurations in said auxiliary memory.

20 18. A method as defined in claim 17, further including the step of:

operating the radio receiver to retrieve data relating to one of the multiple set-up configurations from said auxiliary memory and to move said data to said working memory.

25 19. A method for managing multiple set-up configurations for a radio receiver comprising the steps of:

providing a radio receiver including; a housing, a memory disposed within said housing, said memory storing a plurality of set-up configurations, wherein said radio receiver is configured to manage said plurality of set-up configurations, and a working memory pointer; and

directing said working memory pointer to identify one of said plurality of set-up configurations to be used by the radio receiver.